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MEDIA REMINDER

PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN JEFFERSON CITY IN AQUA MISSOURI RATE REQUESTS

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Jefferson City** on **August 30, 2006** to receive customer comment on water and sewer rate cases filed by Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua Missouri or the Company). The hearing schedule is set out below.

Governor Office Building
Room 310
200 Madison
5:30 pm PSC Staff Information Session
6:00 pm local public hearing begins*

** The local public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm or until all those wishing to testify have been an opportunity to do so, whichever is sooner. The Commission will be video conferencing this public hearing with ones in Reeds Spring and Point Lookout.*

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Aqua Missouri is seeking to change its water and sewer rates for all 11 of its service areas in Cole, Pettis, Greene, Benton, Taney, Christian, Stone and Barry counties.

Examples of monthly customer bills for the Company's Jefferson City service area for a residential water customer that uses 5,000 gallons of water a month, and a residential sewer customer billed on a monthly flat rate, are set out in the table below. These example bills are based upon the Company's current rates and the rates agreed-upon by the Company and the PSC Staff that resulted from a Staff audit of the Company's books and records.

Type of Service	Monthly Bill at Current Rates	Monthly Bill at Company & PSC Staff Agreed-Upon Rates
Water	\$10.20	\$15.95
Sewer	\$22.53	\$30.55

The rate cases in which the increased rates are being considered are currently before the Public Service Commission. The five Commissioners have not yet decided the cases.

Aqua Missouri, Inc. serves approximately 50 water customers and 1,620 sewer customers in its Jefferson City service area in Cole and Callaway Counties.